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Spike in Coronavirus cases

Karnataka closes all roads to Kerala

A view of the check-post near Thalapady on Karnataka-Kerala border at Mangaluru where vehicles were stopped from entering Kerala this morning. Similar scenes were witnessed in Bavali check-post near Mysuru and at Makutta border in Kodagu.

Madikeri/Mysuru, Feb. 22 (MTY,PS&BCT)- In a sudden move, Karnataka closed its border roads with neighbouring Kerala this morning, citing the recent spike in COVID-19 cases in that State. Following the sudden move, borders at Bavali check-post in Mysuru, Makutta and Kutta check-post in Kodagu witnessed a line-up of vehicles.

Restrictions have been put in place on the 17 roads near the borders in South Karnataka. Among them, roads are closed at 13 points. In 4 points, the restrictions are severe.

It may be recalled here that Karnataka had closed and even filled up roads with soil a few months ago when Kerala was witnessing a huge spike in COVID-19 cases. Last week, the Karnataka Government said that those travelling from Kerala to Karnataka need to mandatorily provide RT-PCR certificate showing COVID-free status. The test should have been taken not less than 72 hours before the Karnataka-bound trip.

This order meant only for travellers from Kerala, irrespective of the duration of their journey. However, ambulances have been exempted from the new rule. After Karnataka authorities blocked the road via Bavali check-post entry was denied even for goods vehicles proceeding to Karnataka. Following this, several people in the area protested by blocking vehicles with Karnataka registration from entering Kerala.

This sudden development created traffic blocks on the Highway that linked Karnataka and Kerala. Later, the Police from both States and local political leaders intervened and decided to allow passengers with COVID-negative certificates to cross the inter-State border. Drivers and helpers on cargo vehicles must produce COVID-negative certificates every 15 days.

Vehicles were even blocked at Thalapady check-post in Mangaluru.

(See ROADS on page 6)

Literally LIFTED

Multi-storied Srirangapatna Taluk Office lacks lifts, ramps for infirm and disabled

Srirangapatna, Feb. 22 (Vinay Karekura & DM)- Contrary to the claims of the State Government of spending huge amounts on providing better facilities to people coming to Government Offices for grievance redressal, common people are facing tremendous hardships due to the absence of lifts at important offices.

So much so that the elderly citizens have to be physically carried by their attendants to offices that are located on different floors of the Government Office buildings.

The Taluk Office at Srirangapatna, just 15 kilometres from Mysuru, does not have a lift and even after decades, the authorities have not felt the necessity of providing a lift facility for the aged and infirm to reach the offices located on the first and second floors of the building.

Shockingly, there is not even a provision of installing a lift and neither there is a ramp. Ironically, the rule says that all public offices must mandatorily have lifts and ramps even for the elderly and the physically challenged to reach various sections of any Government Office Complex.

Hundreds of people visit the first floor of Srirangapatna Taluk Office where the Sub-Registrar's Office is located and despite many appeals by the elderly and the physically challenged that they are not in a position to reach that office, nothing has been done so far. The elderly and the physically challenged persons being literally carried to this busy office through the staircase is a daily scene.

(See LIFTED on page 6)

THUMBS UP!

Boy pierces leopard's eye with thumb; feline flees

Mysuru, Feb. 22 (MTY&BCT)- In a daring move, a 12-year-old boy pierced his finger to one of the eyes of the attacking leopard that bit his shoulder. In deep pain, the feline released its bite and disappeared into the bushes. The boy, who sustained injuries on his shoulder, has been admitted to JSS hospital.

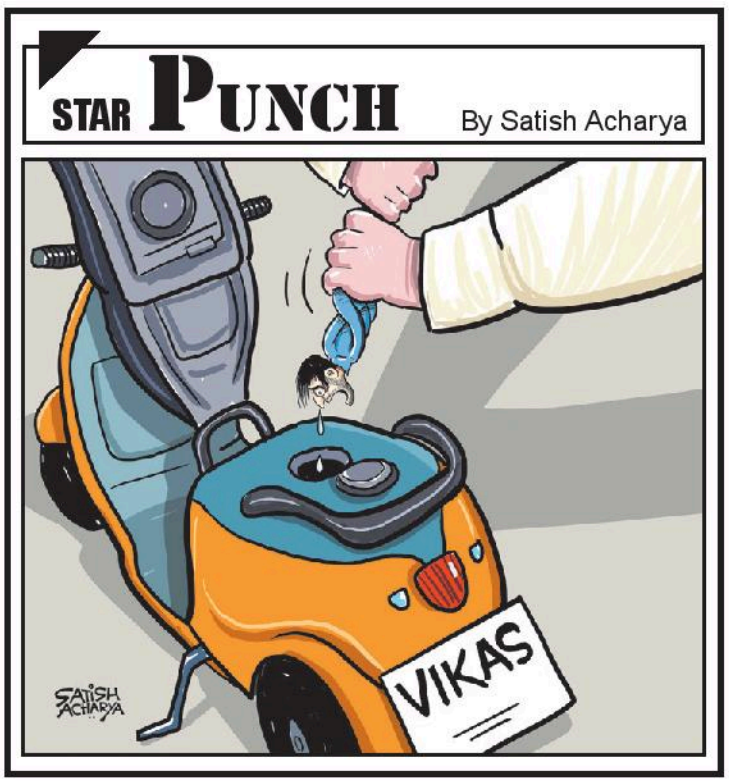
Nandan

The incident occurred yesterday at Beeregowdanahundi near Kadakola in Mysuru Taluk in the farmhouse of Ravi, a villager. Ravi and his son Nandan had been to their farmhouse to feed grass to their livestock as part of their daily routine.

As Nandan was offering the grass, the leopard that was crouching amidst the haystack pounced on him.

The feline bit Nandan's shoulder and a portion of his neck.

(See LEOPARD on page 7)



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"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Monday 22nd February 2021

Three-day Intl. Workshop on 'Vedic Recitation' at Amrita Campus

Mysuru, Feb. 22- A three-day international virtual workshop on 'The Ideology Inherent in the Tradition of Vedic Recitation and Practices - An exposure' is jointly organised by Amrita Darshanam - International Centre for Spiritual Studies, Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, Mysuru Campus and South Zone Cultural Centre, Thanjavur (Ministry of Culture, Government of India) from Feb.25 to 27 at Amrita Campus in Bogadi II Stage here.

Prof. Devanathan

Prof. K.E. Devanathan, Vice-Chancellor, Karnataka Sanskrit University, Bengaluru, will inaugurate the workshop on Feb.25 at 9 am followed by sessions conducted by over 35 distinguished scholars from India and abroad. Apart from intellectual discourses and interactions on Vedic practices the specialty of this workshop lies in the fact that ritualistic practices are demonstrated by the actual conduct of representative forms accompanied by appropriate Vedic chanting and explanation.

Prof. Srinivasa Varakhedi, Vice-Chancellor, Kavikulaguru Kalidas Sanskrit University, Maharashtra, will deliver valedictory address on Feb. 27 at 3.30 pm.

The workshop aims to explore and revitalise the significance of Vedic recitation and practices through the academic platform, so that a wider community would be stimulated to develop interest in Indian traditions thereby providing a worldwide circulation of traditional performances by way of soliciting contributions from eminent scholars of the world.

The free workshop is open to research scholars, academicians, students and all others interested. For registration and details contact Convener Dr. Vigneshwar Bhat (9449677863) or Co-convener Dr. Srikanta Parida (8438260205), according to a press release from Dr. Rekha Bhat, Principal.

School declared as Non-COVID Centre

Mysuru, Feb.22- The Andalus English Medium School in Rajeevnagar Second Stage, which was turned into a COVID Care Centre following the outbreak of the deadly COVID-19 pandemic last year, has now been declared a Non-COVID Centre, following decline in positive cases. Accordingly, the school can be used for teaching and other academic activities, according to DHO Dr. T. Amarnath.

The school was completely sanitised when it was handed back to the school authorities and the children can attend schools as before, according to a press release from the DHO.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

***A senior Congressman once famously said that death is not necessarily a pre-condition for** rigor mortis **to set in. The wily and witty characterisation of a Congress regime aptly captures the current state of the Opposition as five States head for polls and India into a summer of hectic politics. The party's choices on economic policies reflect the confusion and disconnect with popular aspirations. It has opposed the very reforms in farm laws which it proposed in its manifesto. The party has reason to worry that its stand on disinvestment in 2021 is exactly that of the Left Front in the nineties — and that is unsurprising since the party which initiated liberalisation in 1991 also instituted a committee in 1998 as a section believed reforms were anti-poor. Finally the age of politics as the CSR wing of family businesses is over. Success in politics demands more than cameo election appearances. The BJP under Modi is a relentless 24x7 machine focussed on domination and expansion of an idea. Challenging it calls for total commitment and competing ideas.** —Shankkar Aiyar in The New Indian Express*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Man to spend 3 days with wife, 3 days with girlfriend, 1 day off

Ranchi: Jharkhand Police were in the news recently for settling a marital dispute by ordering a man to spend three days a week with his wife, three days with his girlfriend and take one day off from both.

Rajesh Mahato, a married man from Kokar Tiril Road, in Ranchi, decided to get himself a girlfriend because he was so infatuated and didn't want to lose her and he had never told her he was married. Instead, he convinced her to elope with him, leaving his wife and child behind without so much as a goodbye. Only things didn't end there. The man's wife filed a complaint with police, as did the parents of Rajesh's girlfriend, who accused him of kidnapping.

Police started an investigation and Majesh and his girlfriend were located. He had already married his new fling. Jharkhand Police then ordered the man to spend three days with his old family, three days with his new wife and even gave him a day off, to recover. The crazy thing is that the three even signed an official reconciliation document and received copies from Police. Sadly, things didn't really work out as Police had hoped...

Wife's dead lie: Husband finds dolls in grave

Moscow: A woman who told her husband she was pregnant with twins who then died has been exposed as a liar after her husband found dolls in the grave. Laura Daudov's lies quickly snowballed after she claimed to have received a positive pregnancy test. She told her husband, Daud and seeing the joy it brought to him she said she did not have the heart to tell him the truth.

She even went as far as renting a flat near the maternity hospital, claiming she gave birth on February 3 but then saying they died on Tuesday. It was at the funeral, where the dolls were wrapped in shrouds, that Laura's lies were found.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Calcium is a critical micronutrient. Not only is it the primary mineral, along with vitamin D, involved in bone density, but is crucial in the health and development of other tissues, cells, muscles, cardiac function, clotting, and even your teeth.

By Dr. Ravikiran H. G. - Consultant Orthopedics and Joint Replacement Surgeon

COLUMBIA ASIA

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** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

Several decades of studies have shown that saturated fat may be completely harmless. A massive 2010 study reviewed data from 21 studies involving 3,47,747 individuals. Researchers found no association between the consumption of saturated fat and heart disease.

COVID-19 UPDATE - MYSURU

DATES	FEB. 20	FEB. 21
Day's Positive Cases	20	24
Total Positive Cases	53,888	53,912
Day's Discharges	27	10
Total Discharges	52,709	52,719
Day's Deaths	0	0
Total Deaths	1,029	1,029
Total Active Cases	150	164

NOTE: Figures as per Government Media Bulletin

Lions Regional Meet tomorrow

Mysuru, Feb. 22- International Lions Association, Lions Clubs District 317A will be organising its Regional Conference (Region-V) at Sri Bandanthamma Kalamma Samudaya Bhavana, New Kantharaj Urs Road, on Feb. 23. Registration will be from 8.30 am to 9.30 am, banner presentation from 9.30 am to 10.30 am followed by Regional Conference from 10.45 am to 1.30 pm.

Adichunchanagiri Mutt Seer Sri Nirmalanandanatha Swamiji will inaugurate the event. Columnist Dr. Gubbigudu Ramesh will be the main speaker. Lions Regional Chairman Ln. J. Lokesh will preside. MLA L. Nagendra will be the guest of honour. Lions First Vice District Governor Ln. Dr. Prabha Murthy, Second Vice District Governor Ln. Dr. Srividya, District Cabinet Secretary Ln. M.A. Srinath, District Cabinet Treasurer Ln. M.N. Nityananda, Lions Zonal Vice-Presidents Ln. Pratima Ramesh, Ln. R. Rajinikanth and Ln. N. Ravikumar will be the special invitees. International sportsperson Vijaya Ramesh, special teacher B. Kumaraswamy of Mysuru, social worker Channegowda of KG Koppal, District President of State Government Employees Association J. Govindaraju and Pourakarmika Ratnamma will be felicitated.

REALLY...?

- ***Nanda Devi is the highest peak of Uttarakhand with altitude of 7816 mtrs. This also the second highest peak of India after Kangchenjunga. Kamat and Badrinath are second and third highest peaks of Uttarakhand with a height of 7,756 and 7,138 mtrs.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

***Son:** Can you buy me a drum, Dad?*
***Father:** No, No. You will be disturbing others with it.*
***Son**: No Dad. I will play only when all are sleeping !!*

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 72.40
1 UK Pound	= Rs.101.45
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 19.71
1 Euro	= Rs. 87.95

VOICE OF THE READER

Set up Passport Seva Kendra at Madikeri Head Post Office

Sir,

The Ministry of External Affairs has established Post Office Passport Seva Kendras (POPSKs) across several District Headquarters in Karnataka since 2017.

Mysuru POPSK at Metagalli Post Office serves for the benefit of Mysuru Urban, Mysuru Rural, and to the applicants of neighbouring Kodagu district. Applicants can now avail the normal category passports at Metagalli POPSK through an online appointment system.

It is also welcome to note that a new Post Office Passport Seva Kendra was recently established in Chamarajanagar for the benefit of the respective district-based applicants.

It is however ironic to note that Mysuru's other neighbouring district of Kodagu is yet to have a full-fledged Post Office Passport Seva Kendra. The applicants from Kodagu district under the normal category are otherwise compelled to travel only to Mysuru and visit the Metagalli Post Office to avail the passport service.

As Madikeri serves as an important Nodal Centre for the people of Kodagu district, there is now an urgent need to establish Post Office Passport Seva Kendra in the hilly district conveniently located at Madikeri Head Post Office.

Hence, the Ministry of External Affairs in tandem with the Department of Posts, South Karnataka Region, are kindly requested to look into establishing a new Post Office Passport Seva Kendra at Madikeri Head Post Office.

This will immensely benefit Kodagu district-based passport applicants and also ease the burden of applicants who otherwise need to visit Mysuru or Bengaluru.

—Varun Dambal

Bengaluru
20.2.2021

District Kannada Sahitya Sammelana at H.D. Kote on Feb.23 and 24

Dr. Rajanna

Prof. Taranath

Mysuru, Feb. 22 (MTY&SD)- Two-day Mysuru District 18th Kannada Sahitya Sammelana will begin at Government PU College premises in H.D. Kote tomorrow (Feb. 23).

Addressing a press meet at Pathrakarthara Bhavan yesterday, District Kannada Sahitya Parishat President Dr. Y.D. Rajanna stated that veteran scholar Prof. N.S. Taranath has been selected as President of Kannada Sahitya Sammelana which will begin with flag hoisting near Chikkadevamma Mahadwara at 8.30 am on Feb. 23 followed by grand procession carrying the Sammelana President from first cross near Lakshmivaradaraja Swamy Temple at 9 am.

District Minister S.T. Somashekar will inaugurate the event at 10 am. MLA Anil Chikkamadu, Minister Arvind Limbavali and former Minister M. Shivanna will release a book. MP V. Sreenivasa Prasad will inaugurate the cultural programmes. MP Pratap Simha will inaugurate the book exhibition. MLA G.T. Devegowda will inaugurate the art exhibition. Later, former Sammelana President T. S. Rajappa will address the gathering followed by seminar on the topic *Heggadadevanakote Taluku Darshana* and *Mysurina Vidwat Parampare*. *Kavigoshti* will be held at 4.30 pm.

On Feb. 24 at 10.30 am, seminar on the topic *Mysuru Jilleya Janapada Parampare* will be held. At 12.30 pm, talk on *Cauvery Jala Samasye* followed by another seminar at 2.30 pm and special talk on the topic *Shikshana Rangada Savalu* at 4 pm. Felicitation programme will be held at 4.30 pm. MLA Anil Chikkamadu will inaugurate the event. Former MP R. Dhruvanarayan will felicitate the dignitaries. Raitha Sangha President Badagalapura Nagendra, Prof. N. Girigowda and former MLC Siddaraju will be the special invitees.

Valedictory function will be held at 5.30 pm. District Kannada Sahitya Parishat President Dr. Y.D. Rajanna will preside. Kannada Book Authority Chairman Dr. Nandish Hanche will deliver valedictory speech followed by Presidential address by Prof. N.S. Taranath.

Kannada activist Muguru Nanjundaswamy and Kannada Sahitya Parishat City President K.S. Shivaramu were present at the press meet.

Private Schools to hold massive convention in Bengaluru tomorrow

- To condemn Government Order on 30 percent fee cut
- No online classes on Tuesday

Mysuru, Feb.22 (MTY&DM)- Strongly condemning the Government directive asking Private Schools to cut down school fees by 30 percent, Private Schools across the State will hold a massive convention at Bengaluru tomorrow (Feb.23).

Sudhakar Shetty

Announcing this at a press meet here yesterday, CISPMAM (CBSE, ICSE and State Board Private School Managements Association) Founder-President Sudhakar S. Shetty said that the Government has issued an order asking Private Schools to cut down development fee by 30 percent this year, which is not only unscientific but irrational.

Maintaining that the Government order will badly hurt the revenues of Schools, which are already reeling under the effects of COVID-19 crisis, Shetty said that the order will also affect the cordial relationship between school managements and parents of students. As such, Private School owners, administrators and other staff will hold a mammoth convention in Bengaluru tomorrow to register their protest against the unscientific order of the Government.

Ahead of the convention, a rally will be taken out at 9.30 am from KSR Bengaluru (Majestic) Railway Station to Freedom Park, where the convention will take place.

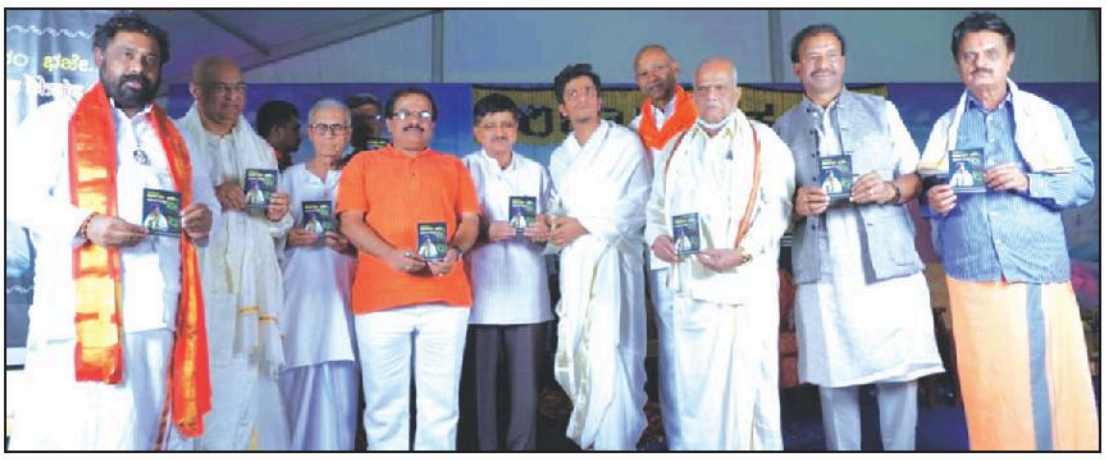
Clarifying that there will be no online classes tomorrow in the wake of convention, Shetty urged the Government not to force Schools to get 'No Objection Certificates' from Fire and Emergency Services Department and the PWD while applying for renewal of licence, as insisting on them, will be problematic for old school buildings.

Maintaining that the Government failed in announcing a special package for Private Schools in the wake of COVID-19 crisis, he said that Schools have suffered severe losses due to closure of educational institutions for nearly 10 months, with no financial support from the Government. He urged the Government to announce waiver of electricity bill, property tax, water bill and school vehicle insurance for the current academic year in the wake of losses suffered by the schools.

CISPMAM office-bearers and Heads of different schools Venkatesh, Fr. Sebastian and Mohammad Amin Hussain were present at the press meet.

Grand Girija Kalyana Mahotsava held

'Arjunam Bhaje' book and CD released



Mysuru, Feb.22- 'Girija Kalyana Mahotsava,' a special prayer and ritual ceremony for global welfare, was held in a grand manner at Sri Vidyashankara Kalyana Mantapa near Gun House in Khille Mohalla here on Feb.14.

The event was organised by Swarna Nrusimha Datta Sai Peethika Seva Trust, Sonar Street.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Prakashnath Swamiji, Managing Director of BGS and SGB Educational Institutions and Hospitals, said that although he had seen *Seetha Kalyana*, he had only heard about *Girija Kalyana*. But now, he got an opportunity to witness *Girija Kalyana* and he is thankful to Arjun Guruji for giving him that opportunity.

Hirisave Sri Sai Siddashrama Founder Gurumurthy Guruji, in his address, thanked Arjun Guruji for organising *Girija Kalyana* in such a grand manner and also complimented the devotees who extended their co-operation for making the event a huge success.

Arjun Guruji, who graced the occasion, said that the Trust will be conducting more such programmes for global welfare.

'Arjunam Bhaje', a book and CD containing Bhajans and Shlokas of Arjun Guruji was released at the event which was attended by District Minister S.T. Somashekar, Youth Empowerment and Sports Minister K.C. Narayanagowda, former Minister C.H. Vijayashankar, MyLac Chairman N.V. Paneesh, Dr. Vaman Rao Bapat, industrialist M.K. Pothraj, former MLA Maruthi Rao Pawar and a host of other dignitaries.

'Pada Puja' was performed to seven women staff of Shankar Mutt on the occasion.

Land handed over to KPTCL for Power Unit installation

Nanjangud, Feb.22 - Nanjangud City Municipal Council (CMC) has handed over two acres of land coming under Geekahalli Survey No.154 in Kasaba Hobli of the taluk to KPTCL (Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited), for installation of a Power Unit.

Nanjangud CMC Commissioner, in a press release, said that the land has been handed over following the approval by Mysuru Deputy Commissioner (DC).

NEWS BRIEFS

Script reading

A Script titled "Fascinating Astronomy: You Thrill Us, And We Admire You", will be read by Fulbrighter Dr. R. Purnima, Retired Professor of English, KSOU, and presently Director, Children's Literary Club, at Kala Suruchi, Chitrabhanu Road, Kuvempunagar, tomorrow (Feb. 23) at 6.30 pm. Dr. R. Purnima has designed the Concept and written the Script.

Blood donation camp by Rotary

On the occasion of Rotary Day, Rotary Mysore North and Rotary Mysore Central in association with Mysuru Ex-Servicemen Movement is conducting a Blood Donation Camp at Rotary Centre, JLB Road in city on Mar. 23 from 9.30 am. Rotary International District 3181 DGE Rtn. A.R. Ravindra Bhat will be inaugurating the programme, according to a press release.

Elected Directors of Co-op. Society

The following have been elected unopposed as the Directors of JSS Prasada Nilaya Senior Students Housing Co-operative Society Ltd., for a five-year term: L. Revannasiddaiah, Dr. M. Nanjundappa, Gurukar S. Puttabudhi, Dr. B.S. Basavarajaiah, A.S. Channabasappa, Prof. Subbappa, M.M. Swamy, K.B. Somashekaramurthy, Mallikarjunaswamy V. Duggahatti, Gurubasappa, C.M. Nagajyothi and Dr. B.P. Manjula. Office of the Co-op. Society is located at No. 12/1, Maruti Temple Road, Gangothri Layout, Mysuru. [Ph: 0821-2443566]

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM

Maximum	:	124.80 feet
Today	:	110.82 feet
Yesterday	:	111.79 feet
Inflow	:	1,185 cusecs
Outflow	:	4,610 cusecs

KABINI DAM

Maximum	:	2,284.00 feet
Today	:	2,270.59 feet
Inflow	:	113 cusecs
Outflow	:	560 cusecs

HARANGI DAM

Maximum	:	2,859.00 feet
Today	:	2,823.21 feet
Inflow	:	174 cusecs
Outflow	:	30 cusecs

MP urges Minister to facilitate Coding Academy at KSOU

N.R. Constituency needs Maharani's College to educate poor and minority community girls: Pratap Simha

Mysuru, Feb. 22 (PM&BCT) - Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simha has urged Deputy Chief Minister Dr. C.N. Ashwathnarayan, who also holds the Higher Education portfolio, to sanction another Maharani's College in Narasimharaja (N.R.) Constituency in addition to the existing one in Chamaraja Constituency.

Submitting a memorandum to the Minister, the MP also urged the Minister to set up a Coding Academy and Incubation Centre in the campus of Karnataka State Open University (KSOU), Mysuru.

The MP said that the establishment of another Maharani's College in N.R. Constituency would provide education to thousands of girls who come from minority community and poor backgrounds.

He reasoned that a majority of students who come to the existing Maharani's College are from N.R. Constituency and this has increased the pressure on space and academics. Setting up a separate College in N.R. Constituency would ease the pressure and also benefit students from those areas.

MP Pratap Simha seen in discussion with Deputy Chief Minister Dr. C.N. Ashwathnarayan and Higher Education Department Principal Secretary G. Kumar Naik recently.

The Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) has already sanctioned 1.4 acre land (CA site) at Devanoor Layout in N.R. under Survey Numbers (CA-4 plot numbers 186 and 187) for educational purposes and is suitable for establishing Maharani's Arts, Commerce and Science College, the MP told the Minister.

New Age Coding Academy

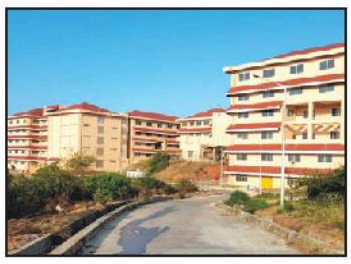
In his memorandum, Pratap Simha also urged the Minister to set up a New Age Coding Academy on the lines of Ecole-42 in Paris. "We intend to set up this Coding Academy and Incubation Centre in partnership with Ecole-42 and the authorities there have agreed in principle to partner with us in Mysuru. The proposed project is of immense value in skilling up and empowering the youth. For this proposal, we require infrastructure and academic support from the Government through KSOU," the MP stated.

The KSOU has 20 regional centres across the State with state-of-the-art infrastructure and the institution can award students with diploma certificates after training them with computer programming and core computer engineering skills that will make them future ready especially in areas of Data Science, Artificial Intelligence, Python, Algorithms design and functional programming, the MP said.

"This will be the first-of-its-kind Coding Academy in India and the first Incubation Centre in Karnataka with special emphasis on agriculture start-ups. It will have intense internship, corporate engagement and admission process is rigid that will be system-driven to select students based on their aptitude," he said and added that the KSOU campus was best suited for such an Academy.

Kodagu Medical College gets permission to start B.Sc Nursing Course

Madikeri, Feb.22- Years after it was formed, the Kodagu Institute of Medical Sciences at Madikeri, the District Headquarters, has been granted permission by the Government for introducing B.Sc Nursing Course. The course was a long-standing demand from the people of Kodagu, which did not have any medical institute until 2014, when the Medical College was announced.



Following the sanction for starting the much in demand B.Sc (Nursing), the Medical College has begun preparations for admitting 100 students in the current academic year. As all the 100 seats are under Government quota, the students have to get admission through counselling from Karnataka Examinations Authority.

The construction of the building for Kodagu Institute of Medical Sciences began in 2014 and was completed in 2016. At present, there are 750 students in the College studying for MBBS course and the District Hospital, which has been attached to the Medical College, has been recently upgraded.

Medical College Dean Dr. Cariappa said that with the Government granting permission for B.Sc Nursing, the classes will begin from this year itself. Pointing out that there are 100 seats for B.Sc Nursing, he said that this is a four-and-half-year course. The College has recruited teaching and non-teaching faculties and classes are expected to commence soon, he added.

Madikeri MLA Appachu Ranjan said that the Government was appealed last year to start Nursing Course in the Medical College. The Government has now granted permission and the course will commence this year itself. However, a meeting of Medical College authorities and Health Department officials will be held shortly to decide on the place where classes will be held, he added.

Virajpet MLA and former Assembly Speaker K.G. Bopaiah said that the Health Minister was appealed to start B.Sc Nursing when he last visited Kodagu. This apart, the Chief Minister too was appealed to start the course.

Now, responding to our appeal, the Government has granted permission for Nursing course and classes are expected to commence soon, he pointed out.

Three persons missing

Mysuru, Feb. 22 (KS)- In separate cases, a youth is among three persons reported missing from city and taluk.

In the first case, a 55-year-old man, who left his house on Dec. 9, 2020 at about 7 am in search of a job, has since gone missing.

The missing man is **Mohammed Ejaz,** a resident of

Rajivnagar 1st Stage in city. He is 5 ft. tall, oval faced, well built, oily red complexioned, has a mole below his nose, speaks Kannada and Urdu and was wearing a maroon coloured T-shirt and black pant at the time of going missing.

Those having any information about Mohammed Ejaz, may contact Udayagiri Police on Ph: 0821-2418309 or Police Control Room on Ph: 0821-2418339.

In the second case, a 60-year-old man, who left his house on Oct. 14, 2020 at about 7 am, has since gone missing. The missing person is **Rudraiah,**

a resident of Kamanakere Hundi in the taluk. Any information about Rudraiah may be passed on to Mysuru South Police on Ph: 0821-2444955 or District Police Control Room on Ph: 0821-2444800.

In the third case, a 20-year-old youth, who left his house on Jan. 27 at about 7 am to a temple, has since gone missing.

The missing youth is **Ravikumar.** He is 5.7 ft. tall, normal built,

oily red complexioned, oval faced, has a tattoo on his hand and speaks Kannada and Tamil.

Those having any information about Ravikumar may contact Mandi Police Station on Ph: 0821-2418313/ 513 or Police Control Room on Ph: 0821-2418339, according to a press release.

Tiger caught in South Kodagu but fresh attacks continue

- School-going girl faints seeing big cat at one village; cow killed in another village
- Is the captured feline same as the one that killed two persons, wonder villagers

Ponnampet/ Srimangala, Feb. 22 (BCT)- The tiger that is believed to have killed two people in South Kodagu within a span of 12 hours on Saturday night and Sunday morning was captured by Forest Department last afternoon after villagers staged protest and a bandh demanding the feline's capture. It is a nine-year-old tigress.

The Department was under severe pressure to finally act after the deaths of humans. The area has faced the menace since over a year but the Department had not taken any action despite the big cats killing more than 80 cattle heads.

Residents alleged that except for disbursing a paltry compensation of Rs. 10,000 per cattle head (while the actual cost is Rs. 60,000 to Rs. 75,000), the Department had done nothing much.

Though the officials said that it was the same tiger that killed two people, villagers are sceptic as the tiger that was captured at Manchalli village was weak without food for days and it bore injury marks all over its body.

While the Department officials said that a DNA test will be conducted on the animal from the samples obtained from the bodies of victims, villagers say that an easily available weak animal has been captured while the 'man-eater' was still on the prowl.

School girl faints

Giving credence to the argument of the villagers, a big cat was spotted crouching amidst coffee plants at Mathoor village this morning at 8 by a school girl who was on her way to the school. Seeing the tiger, the girl who was walking ahead of her friends panicked and fainted.

Fortunately, there were family members and fellow students nearby who came to her rescue. Seeing human beings, the tiger disappeared into the thick coffee plantations. The girl has been admitted to the Gonikoppal Government Hospital.

In another incident reported this morning, a cow owned by Dekamada Pushpa, was attacked and a part of its head has been bitten off at Thavalageri village near Srimangala. Mathoor and Thavalageri are at least eight kilometres apart and villagers say that it is the same tiger that had killed the woman yesterday morning. The teams that had captured the tiger yesterday have rushed to Thavalageri village before any more attacks on humans take place.

Three tigers on the prowl

Villagers say that there are at least three tigers roaming around in the areas of Mathoor, Shettigeri, Srimangala, Balele, Nittoor, Karmad, Nemmale, Birunani, Badagarakeri, Harihara, Belloor, Besagoor and Kutta as cattle killings have been reported since the last eight to nine months.

Last evening's tiger capture operation was conducted with the help of trained elephants. The tiger was put in a cage after trained shooters of the Forest Department sedated it with darts. The big cat had killed 14-year-old Ayyappa and 54-year-old Chinni at Kumatoor and Shettigeri villages.

While the villagers and residents of Shettigeri and Srimangala staged bandh and protest at Srimangala keeping the dead body of Ayyappa by the side of the road, the Forest Department authorities had constituted teams for combing and capture operation.

The protesters insisted on shooting the tiger and they relented after the officials showed them the shoot-at-sight order sent by the higher-ups in Bengaluru through WhatsApp. The protests were withdrawn later.

Captured tigress shifted to Koorgalli Rescue Centre

Feline in sedated state; bears bodily injuries; has lost capacity to hunt

Ponnampet/ Mysuru, Feb. 22 (MTY&BCT)- Darting experts Dr. Mujeeb (veterinarian) and Akram were summoned from Hunsur and Mysuru for the tiger capturing operation at Manchalli village yesterday and Abhimanyu, Gopalaswamy, Krishna and Mahendra were brought from Mathigodu Elephant Camp.

One of the teams identified pug marks and tracked the feline to the spot where it was finally located near Manchalli village. The team managed to dart the animal and the tranquillisation was done about two kilometres from the spot where Ayyappa was killed.

Before the dart was fired, the tiger tried to attack Abhimanyu and its Mahout Vasantha. Seeing Vasantha, the tiger growled and crouched to be ready for the attack. But Abhimanyu, known for its daring acts in tiger and elephant capturing operation, did not fear the feline and went ahead amidst coffee plants, enabling Dr. Mujeeb to fire the tranquilliser. But he missed the target and the dart hit a coffee plant. He was successful in his second attempt and the animal was found sedated about one kilometre from where the dart was fired.

It is a tigress of around nine years old and she has an injury on her right paw. Officials are assessing the condition of the dentures and nature of her injury further to figure out why the feline had taken to killing humans.

"The tigress has pre-existing wounds on its right legs and it looks like the animal had lost its capacity to hunt in the wild and was looking for an easy prey. At present, she has been shifted to Mysuru Zoo's Chamundi Animal Rescue Centre at Koorgalli on the outskirts of Mysuru city," Forest officials said.

At the Koorgalli Centre, the animal is still in a sedated condition and it has not regained its activeness. "Till 10 am today, the animal was in a drowsy state. Its left paw has been injured too and its canines have worn out and the animal has lost capacity to hunt. We have sent the samples of hair and blood — obtained from the dead body of the woman who was mauled to death — to a laboratory in Bengaluru to determine if it was the same tiger that had attacked the woman," Zoo Executive Director Ajit M. Kulkarni told *Star of Mysore* this morning.

Mysuru Zoo tops country in maintenance and overall management, says CZA official

Mysuru, Feb. 22 (MTY&DM)- A two-day training programme on 'Sensitisation of Zoo Staff on Zoo Management' organised by Mysuru Zoo, in collaboration with Central Zoo Authority (CZA), New Delhi, began at the Mysuru Zoo premises here this morning.

Virtually addressing the training programme, CZA Deputy Inspector General Dr. Sonali Ghosh said that she is happy to note that Mysuru Zoo, which is hosting the programme, tops the country in overall Zoo maintenance, animal care, animal conservation and the like.

Calling upon the Mysuru Zoo staff to maintain this tempo in the future too for retaining the top spot, she said that the role of Zoo-keepers and other supporting and supplementary staff is vital for effective functioning of a Zoo.

ZAK Member-Secretary B.P. Ravi addressing the gathering during the inauguration of a two-day training programme on 'Sensitisation of Zoo Staff on Zoo Management' organised at Mysuru Zoo in city this morning. Picture right shows a section of the audience.

Lauding the efforts of Karnataka Forest Department officials in the safe capture of tigers and leopards that had strayed into human habitats recently, Dr. Sonali Ghosh said that all the Zoo staff who are attending the workshop should share their knowledge and experience among their counterparts as this will largely help in proper maintenance of Zoos, which differ in nature and characteristics from one zone to another.

Zoo Authority of Karnataka (ZAK) Member-Secretary B.P. Ravi , who spoke after inaugurating the workshop, said that out of the nine Zoos in the State, only three — Mysuru, Bannerghatta and Shivamogga Zoos — had lions and tigers. But of late, the two carnivores can be found at Chitradurga and Hampi Zoos and efforts are being made to shelter them in all other Zoos of the State.

Maintaining that conservation of lions and tigers is vital for overall upkeep of Zoos, Ravi asserted that the tiger, which was on the prowl in North Kodagu and had killed two people in a span of 12 hours, has been captured safely, which is satisfactory to note.

Stating that many workers staying in labour quarters in coffee estates of Kodagu and elsewhere do not have proper identity cards, Ravi said this has proved to be hurdle for the distribution of compensation to wild animal attack victims.

Stressing on the need for Zoo-keepers and other animal caretakers to have affection and fondness for animals in captivity, he called upon the workshop participants to share their knowledge and expertise with others.

ZAK Chairman L.R. Mahadevaswamy, in his address, said that the revenues of Zoos has nosedived following the outbreak of the deadly COVID-19 pandemic last year.

Thanking Mysuru District in-Charge Minister S.T. Somashekar for getting Rs. 3.5 crore funds to Mysuru Zoo during the pandemic crisis, Mahadevaswamy said that he has already given representations to the Chief Minister and the Forest Minister on allotting more funds to ZAK in the forthcoming Budget. "I am very much hopeful that CM Yediyurappa will allot adequate funds to ZAK and thus ensure the financial sustenance of all Zoos in the State," Mahadevaswamy added.

Mysuru Zoo Executive Director Ajit M. Kulkarni, ZAK Members Gokul Govardhan, Jyothi and other officials were present.

A total of 44 personnel, including Veterinarians, Zoo-keepers and other staff, from all the nine Zoos of the State are attending the workshop, which concludes tomorrow.

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Also, the Taluk Office lacks chairs, inadequate drinking water facility and is woefully short in respect of other civic amenities as well. Further, there are no measures in place to ensure following of COVID-19 protocol such as wearing face mask, thermal screening and maintenance of physical distance.

As there is no adequate space for parking vehicles, people visiting the office have to park their vehicles outside and this has pushed the aged and the physically challenged to a lot of inconvenience. Also, everyone must climb more than 15 steps to reach the Sub-Registrar's office and further climb up to reach other offices.

Fed up with the many shortcomings in the Sub-Registrar's Office, the local residents have urged the authorities to at least shift the Sub-Registrar's Office to the ground floor of the building as it would save the aged, women and the physically challenged from hardship.

Tahsildar M.V. Roopa admitted that the public are at a disadvantage due to the location of Sub-Registrar's Office on the first floor of the building. She further said that the office will be shifted from the first floor to the ground floor, based on public feedback.

However, the Tahsildar had no answers on the other offices located on the first and second floors of the building and are frequented by many people on a day-to-day basis.

Karnataka closes all roads to Kerala

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Protesters squatted on the road terming the Karnataka Government's insistence on RT-PCR test unreasonable, the protesters demanded the immediate rollback of the rule. This also led to argument between the protesters and the commuters.

The Karnataka Government order came after the neighbouring State witnessing a spike in COVID-19 cases. Kerala has been consistently seeing a significant number of daily cases. The restriction came after several nursing students from there testing positive for the virus after returning to Karnataka.

Janapara Utsava enthrals public

Mysuru, Feb. 22 (RKB&SD)- The day-long Janapara Utsava-2021 got off to a colourful start at Kirurangamandira (Mini Theatre) in Kalamandira premises here this morning. The programme was organised by the Department of Kannada and Culture, under its special unit scheme.

District in-Charge Minister S.T. Somashekar inaugurated the programme by playing 'damaruga' (two-headed drum) while MP Pratap Simha also joined him by beating the 'dollu' (drums).

Folk troupes including Kamsale by Desiranga Samskrutika Samsthe of Mysuru, Puja Kunita by Kariyappa and team of T. Narasipur, Dollu Kunita by Nikhil and team of Mysuru and Goravara Kunita by Nele Hinnele of Mysuru enthralled the public.

The stage programme began with dance-drama 'Sri Gajanana Kathe' by Bhagyalakshmi and team of Mysuru. Ningaraju and team of T. Narasipur later rendered Sugama Sangeetha and Naada Geethe. Chandrakanth and team of Shiramalli, H.D. Kote taluk, melodiously recited 'Manteswamy and Mahadeshwara Pada.'

MP Pratap Simha and District in-Charge Minister S.T. Somashekar playing 'damaruga' (two-headed drum) along with the folk troupe while entering the 'Janapara Utsava' venue this morning as others look on.

Later, folk songs by Lakshmiram and team of Mysuru, devotional songs by Sowbhagya, Padma and team of Mysuru, Kranti Geete by Narayan and team of Mysuru, Sobane Pada by Chennajamma, Chikkamanchamma and team of T. Narsipur and finally another dance-drama by Chamaraju of Kaladhare Cultural Trust of Mysuru will be held as per the day-long schedule.

Karnataka Exhibition Authority Chairman Hemanth Kumar Gowda, Mysore Paints and Varnish Limited Chairman N.V. Phaneesh, Kannada and Culture Department Assistant Director H. Chennappa and others were present.

Physical classes for 6th, 7th and 8th std. students begin

Mysuru, Feb.22 (RK&DM)- Eleven months after Schools were shut following the outbreak of the deadly COVID-19 pandemic in March last year, the physical classes for students of 6th, 7th and 8th standards (Higher Primary classes) began across the district and the State this morning.

A fortnight ago, the State Government had given nod for the opening of Schools for the three standards from Feb.22.

Mysuru DDPI Dr. Panduranga told *Star of Mysore* that physical classes for Higher Primary classes began in all Schools across the district today, with all COVID-19 safety measures such as thermal screening , mandatory wearing of face mask and maintenance of physical distancing. He pointed out that though online classes were being conducted, the physical classes (offline) began only today.

Stating that classes will be held from 10 am till 4.30 pm six days a week, he said that all the School Heads have been directed to ensure utmost safety and health of students. Maintaining that all schools were sanitised prior to the commencement of classes, Dr. Panduranga said that Schools across the district recorded an average student attendance of 70 percent on the first day today, which is a good sign, considering the fact that the scare of the deadly pandemic has not been completely erased from the minds of the people.

Dhruvanarayan, Ramalinga Reddy installed as KPCC Working Presidents

Bengaluru, Feb.22 (KMS&DM)- Former Chamarajanagar MP R. Dhruvanarayan and former Minister Ramalinga Reddy were installed as KPCC (Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee) Working Presidents at a programme held at Chowdaiah Memorial Hall here yesterday, taking the total number of KPCC Working Presidents to five.

The Congress has three other Working Presidents — Satish Jarkiholi, Eshwar Khandre and Salim Ahmed, who were appointed last year.

Speaking on the occasion, KPCC President D.K. Shivakumar said that Dhruvanarayan entered politics as a student leader decades ago and was elected MP from Chamarajanagar twice, before losing by a very thin margin in the 2019 Lok Sabha polls.

Lauding the organisational skills of Dhruvanarayan, Shivakumar said that with his (Dhruva) appointment, there is no doubt that the Congress will perform better in the coming polls.

Welcoming Mallikarjuna Kharge's appointment as the Opposition Leader in the Rajya Sabha, the KPCC President said the appointment shows that Karnataka has many able Congress leaders to take on the BJP Government at the Centre.

Recalling the political journey of Ramalinga Reddy, DKS said that Reddy began his political career as a BBMP Corporator and since then, he has never turned back, becoming a Congress MLA from Bengaluru for seven consecutive terms, which is a great achievement.

Highlighting the organisational plans of the Congress this year, Shivakumar said that all Congress leaders who have left the party over the past few years, will be re-invited. Stating that all those who are willing to return without any conditions will be admitted to the party, he said that he and other top party leaders will tour all Assembly segments which do not have Congress MLAs, for organisation of the party.

Former Administrator regrets declining standards in Lalithakala Academies and Art Colleges

Mysuru, Feb. 22 (YDS&DM)- Regretting that standards in Lalithakala Academies and other Art Colleges are on the decline nowadays, former Administrative Officer of Kendra Lalithakala Academy C.S. Krishna Shetty bemoaned that newspapers too are not giving priority for art reviews and analysis.

He was speaking at the Fellowship conferment programme organised by Karnataka Lalithakala Academy at Mini Theatre in Kalamandira premises here on Saturday.

Pointing out that Kendra and Karnataka Lalithakala Academies have been functioning for the past six decades, Krishna Shetty opined that though there are many problems in the field of arts, no one is taking any initiative to make organised efforts to get the issues addressed.

Maintaining that non-artistes have gained positions in Kendra Lalithakala Academy and other such Academies, he said that no one seems to oppose such appointments. Noting that an individual-centric attitude seems to be the reason for this, he said that a social-centric attitude holds key for finding solutions to the problems that the Academies are facing.

Continuing, Krishna Shetty said that COVID-induced lockdown has taught us a new way of life. Maintaining that Karnataka has a good number of Internationally reputed artistes, he regretted that those who have genuine international recognition are not getting their due in the State. Contending that newspapers of today are not giving priority for art reviews, he wanted Lalithakala Academy to bring out books and encourage art critics.

Objecting to the tendency to categorise artistes as Leftists and Rightists, he stressed on the need for sustaining Pluralism in our society.

Former Kuvempu Bhasha Bharathi Chairman Dr. Pradhan Gurudatta opined that Fine Arts Colleges in Universities across the State, including University of Mysore (UoM), are in a state of neglect and the Government should take measures for addressing the problems faced by them.

Karnataka Lalithakala Academy Chairman D. Mahendra, in his address, said that the appointees to the Academy should work towards protecting the interests of artistes. Senior Ganjifa artiste of the city Ganjifa Raghupati Bhat expressed concern over the declining number of native language cinemas. He called for making more number of Kannada, Sanskrit and other local language cinemas.

Veteran artistes Vijaya Sindhoora of Vijayapura, G. Kandan of Mangaluru and Raghupati Bhat of Mysuru were conferred Rs. 2 lakh Honorary Fellowship, while Junior artistes Dimple B. Shah and Manjunath V. Kalledevaru of Bengaluru, K. Suresh of Mysuru, Ninganagouda C. Patil of Vijayapura and Jagannath Bellad of Kalaburagi were distributed student scholarship on the occasion.

Boy pierces leopard's eye with thumb; feline flees

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Shocked by the sudden attack, Nandan screamed for help and at the same time pierced his thumb forcefully into one of the animal's eyes. Unable to bear the counter attack, the leopard jumped out of the haystack and disappeared into the bushes.

The attack occurred in Ravi's presence within a few seconds and for a moment Ravi failed to realise what had happened. Nandan was bleeding heavily from his shoulder and neck region and he was rushed to hospital where he is recuperating.

The village of Beeregowdanahundi and surrounding areas are frequented by leopards and there is a large vacant space that belongs to Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation (CESC) and the authorities have not bothered to clean the space. The thick bushes grown in this space has become a place for leopards to take shelter, say villagers.

Obituary

Manigowdara Siddanna

Mysuru, Feb. 22-Yajaman Manigowdara Siddanna (90), a resident of K.G. Koppal in the city, passed away here yesterday. He leaves behind his wife Gowramma, son S. Balu, a former Corporator and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were performed at K.G. Koppal burial grounds this afternoon.

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MEETING NOTICE

Dear Members,
Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Body Meetings of the Parents Association of Deaf Children (Regd) will be held on Saturday the 20th March 2021 at 11am at Smt. Ramabai Memorial Indoor Auditorium. PADC Complex at the above address. All the Members of the Association are requested to attend the same.

Sd/- (Hon. Secretary)

POLICY POLITICS & PEOPLE

By Dr. R. Balasubramaniam

Is India's steel frame rusting?

A question that I've been repeatedly asked is why I chose Heggadadevanakote (H.D. Kote) taluk to begin my social development work in 1987. Very few know that I did not choose H.D. Kote, but that it was chosen for me by two extraordinary bureaucrats. One was Nanjunda Rao, a retired special Deputy Commissioner (DC) and the other was V. P. Baligar, the then DC of Mysuru. They had heard about me and my intentions and met me in the Government Medical College where I was still a student. Baligar took me in his official car to H.D. Kote and we walked to several tribal colonies before he offered to help me set up base there. But for his proactive gesture, I am not sure whether SVYM would have started working there.

Several years later another civil servant from the Government of India further reinforced in me the action oriented and proactive spirit of the Indian Administrative Service (IAS). Dr. P.S. Meena was inspecting the work undertaken by the State Government in Karnataka. One of the officers decided to get him to visit our fledgling tribal school campus at Hosahalli. During my conversation with him, I mentioned the challenge that we were facing in raising funds to run the school and in protecting the children from marauding wild animals. He departed to Delhi without any immediate response. Several weeks later, I was astonished to receive a Government Order sanctioning grants for setting up and running a tribal residential school and assistance to construct a perimeter wall around the campus. And all this without asking for a formal proposal or a requisition letter or claiming any credit for the same.

These incidents and several others that followed convinced me of the enormous power and potential for social change and human development that India's bureaucrats are capable of. Fast forwarding three decades later, the conversation that a senior bureaucrat had with me paints a completely different picture today. He was lamenting the lack of social sensitivity, growing corruption and political leaning amongst today's career bureaucrats. How does one make sense of all this? Should one regard this as a general degradation of values across society or wonder whether India's steel frame of public administration has begun to rust?

To appreciate the importance of the civil services, we need to understand the history and evolution of the same. The origins of civil service go back to the time when river valley civilisations flourished as early as 3000 BC. It essentially revolved round the need to regulate water resources, monitor water flow and supervise their distribution into irrigation systems. The officials doing this were the first civil servants. Gradually their work extended to other public activities and overtime they took over the administration of the entire State. The original use of the word 'bureaucracy' refers to a cloth that covered the desks of 18th century French officials and was a way of describing a Government ruled by officials.

A formal administrative structure for a large empire in India emerged with the Mauryans and the Magadhan kingdom. Kautilya laid out elaborate rules of public administration and policy-making. The system was driven by two key civil servants — the *samahartr* who prepared the annual budget and kept accounts; and the *samnidhatr* who kept record of the tax collections and took care of everything that needed to be stored and guarded. Elaborate layers of civil servants has been described with specific functions and responsibilities, including those who oversaw trade, agriculture, land, transport, mines, forests, textiles, and weights & measures.

With the idea of a modern State emerging in Europe in the Middle Ages, the civil services evolved in countries like France, Prussia, and England. Here, civil servants were not appointed on merit and appointments were dependent on the pleasure of those in power. Government offices were seen as private property and corruption was rampant. All this resulted in a demand for reforms in the civil services which happened along with the industrial revolution. Gradually merit-based systems and rule-bound civil service emerged. The flip side was the insistence on a strict application of law, rules and regulations making bureaucracy slow, inefficient and non-responsive to citizen demands. Reforms also meant that arbitrary dismissals of civil servants was restricted and this included the inefficient and incompetent ones too. The obsession with how things should be done in accordance with rules and regulations gave the impression of a rigid system. While most public actions were implemented by civil servants, the system functioned in an environment where change, if any, took place slowly and gradually. People too had minimal needs and could put up with the mediocrity of the bureaucracy and had gotten used to an environment of 'regulation' and 'control'. This also meant a lack of incentive for the bureaucracy to evolve and become more efficient and responsive.

Opening up of the economy and the end of the License Raj in India in the nineties created a sense of decreased dependence on the bureaucracy in the minds of the average Indians. While there was an enhanced expectation from the system to rapidly evolve and deliver to the changing needs of the common citizens, the bureaucracy had to struggle with a sense of loss of power, prestige and importance. But despite claims of less government and more governance, the need and dependence on India's bureaucracy has only been steadily increasing over the last three decades. Technological leaps, changing political landscape, enhanced citizen demands, rapid economic growth and populist policies have only furthered the need for a public system that can both deliver and be efficient and accountable at the same time. One can now see the emergence of a powerful civil services in India who are able to justify their need for importance and continuity in an eco-system where their political masters are seen as corrupt, inefficient and incompetent. The justification often mentioned is that India needs a stable and consistent 'steel frame' that can ensure public services continue to be delivered to its citizens irrespective of whomsoever is in power.

A file photo of Dr. R. Balasubramaniam with Self Help Group (SHG) members.

Democracies operate with the paradigm of the people electing their rulers who are assisted by the executive in delivering good governance. While elected representatives are tested and evaluated each time at the elections, the bureaucrats are safely ensconced in their ivory towers insulated from public glare and accountability. Despite laws ensuring the Right to Information and Guaranteed Services etc., the degree of transparency and accountability leaves a lot to be desired. Apart from this, bureaucrats have learnt which side of the bread is buttered and have begun aligning themselves to political parties in order to curry favours. Apart from losing their credibility, this also results in encouraging corruption, elite capture of policies and loss of neutrality.

Post-retirement benefits go beyond the regular entitlements and extends into reaping the dividends of the political inclinations during one's service. Appointments to Information Commissions, Directorships of PSUs, Head of market regulator like SEBI and the Reserve Bank of India, Governor of States, Advisor to the PM or the CM ensures continuity of their relevance and gives them the much-needed affirmation of existence. Apart from limiting opportunities for a new generation of officers who may be better placed to respond to today's complex development needs and demands, it also enables continuation of a fossilised mindset and the *status quo*.

This state of affairs, if unaltered will not only result in a continued deterioration of public administration but will eventually lead to the steel frame rusting and falling apart. Setting up administrative reforms commissions or the 'Karma Yogi' portal will not solve the problem. What one needs is a more responsive, responsible, transparent and an energetic civil service that can reboot to function as 'public servants' in letter and spirit. A generation of people with both competence and the commitment to serve the people of India in a professional and efficient manner is the minimal ask that citizens must put forth. While there is no escaping the need and relevance of a dedicated civil service, what is needed is for the steel frame to evolve into that of a 'composite frame' and align itself to serving the nation in the spirit of humility, service, integrity and responsiveness. Only then can we look forward to a bureaucracy that can deliver to Prime Minister Modi's call of a 'New India' and a 'Atmanirbhar Bharat.'

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Former AG urges Government to make caste census survey report public

Mysuru, Feb. 22 (PM&SSV)- Prof. Ravivarma Kumar, former Chairman, Permanent Backward Classes Commission, has urged the State Government to make the caste census survey report got done by the previous Government public and implement the same to ensure social justice for all communities in the State.

He was speaking at a function organised in connection with 'Social Justice Day' by Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Research and Extension Centre and Development Study Centre at Vishwajnani auditorium in Manasagangothri campus here on Saturday.

Prof. Kumar said the caste survey was done in 2016 by visiting every house in the State and computed details of all castes. But, the previous Government refused to accept the final report. A whopping Rs. 160 crore had been spent on this marathon exercise of collecting caste details from each and every house. This report would be panacea for all ongoing agitations seeking reservation. It contained details of every caste and its condition. However, Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa was not ready to accept it, he noted.

Govt. behind quota row: He alleged that both the State and the Union Governments were encouraging the caste system resulting in the missing of social justice. In Karnataka, Yediyurappa was promoting the caste system. The State Government was spending crores of money on 16 caste-based Development Corporations. The CM formed a Development Corporation for his community and released crores of rupees the next day. This was nothing but anti-Constitution activities, he alleged.

> The BJP-led NDA Government uprooted the concept of Social Justice by amending the Constitution to provide 10 percent reservation for economically backward upper caste. Our hopes on senior Congress leader, M. Mallikarjun Kharge were dashed when he voted in its favour in Lok Sabha. It was strange that except DMK, no other political party, which got elected in the name of social justice, opposed the quota for upper caste. We had expected that Kharge will resign protesting against the reservation, but he was the first one to vote for it followed by other Congress leaders.
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> **—Prof. Ravivarma Kumar, former Chairman, Permanent Backward Classes Commission**

Seers in politics: Prof. Kumar, who is also a former **Advocate General (AG)**, opined there would be no agitation for reservation if a secular Government was in power.

"I don't know why the pontiffs want politics. It will be an insult to sainthood if they wear the saffron clothes and do politics. This shows that the Seers are creating a non-Constitution power in the State. The agitation for reservation by Kurubas and Panchamasalis has the patronage of the Government," he said.

Earlier, University of Mysore (UoM) Vice-Chancellor Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar inaugurated the function.

Registrar Prof. R. Shivappa, Visiting Professor at D. Devaraja Urs Chair K.S. Lingappa, Director of Dr. Ambedkar Centre Prof. J. Somashekar and Director of Development Study Centre Prof. B. Shankar were present during the occasion.

Sri M to deliver JSS Mahavidyapeetha Endowment Lecture tomorrow

Sri M

Mysuru, Feb. 22- Spiritual Guru Mumtaz Ali Khan, popularly known as Sri M, Founder of Satsang Foundation at Madanapalle in Andhra Pradesh, will deliver the 10th endowment lecture of JSS Mahavidyapeetha Golden Jubilee Lecture Series, at JSS College for Women at Saraswathipuram in city at 11 am on Feb. 23.

Sri M will speak on the topic 'Achievement - The Road to Liberation.'

Mumtaz Ali Khan (Sri M) took to spirituality at an young age and was mentored by Maheshwarnath Babaji. He later established 'Satsang Foundation' at Madanapalle.

A renowned spiritual guide, social reformer and an educationist, Sri M's autobiography titled 'Apprenticed to a Himalayan Master - A Yogi's Autobiography' is a popular work. He was conferred 'Padma Bhushan' by the Government in 2019.

Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji will grace the occasion. City's Meritor HVS India (P) Ltd. Chairman and Executive Director Dr. N. Muthukumar will preside.

Bengaluru's BRAINS (Bangalore Regenerative Advanced Institute of Neurosciences) Founder Dr. N.K. Venkataramana will release former ISRO Chairman Dr. A.S. Kiran Kumar's work 'Space Technology and Societal Applications' and renowned International Monetary Fund's (IMF) Chief Economist Dr. Geetha Gopinath's work 'Globalisation - Challenges and the need for co-operation' on the occasion.

For details, contact Ph: 0821-2548207/ 212/ 213/ 218.

Week-long Bengaluru Film Festival from March 24

Bengaluru, Feb. 22 (SSV)-The prestigious Bengaluru International Film Festival (BIFFes) - 2021 will be held from Mar. 24 to 31.

This was decided at a BIFFes meeting presided over by Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa here on Friday last. The theme of this year's film festival will be "Importance of India's performing arts."

The CM told the meeting that BIFFes has emerged as a prestigious international film festival and chances are bright of it getting international recognition. The event must be held by strictly following COVID-19 safety protocols.

Minister for Information and Public Relations C.C. Patil said that over 200 award-winning movies of over 50 countries would be screened on 11 screens of PVR Theatre at Orion Mall in Bengaluru.

Sunil Puranik, Chairman, Karnataka Chalanachitra Academy, said the seven-day film festival would consist of Asian films, Indian films and Kannada films. Besides, there would be other sections such as grand classic and a panorama of world films.

As part of film festival, interaction with actors, directors and technicians of Indian and world films, seminars and workshop on script writing and other academic activities are planned for the benefit of students and people connected with film field.

Logo released

On this occasion, the CM released the logo for the 13th edition of BIFFes. D.R. Jairaj, President, Karnataka Film Chamber, Tara Anuradha, Shruthi and Rockline Venkatesh — all actors, Anjum Parvez, Secretary and Dr. P.S. Harsha, Commissioner, Department of Information and Public Relations, were present.

Private Varsities performing better than their public counterparts: Prof. K.S. Rangappa

Mysuru, Feb. 22 (SD&SPN)- In terms of academic quality, private Varsities are performing better than their public counterparts, opined former University of Mysore (UoM) Vice-Chancellor Prof. K.S. Rangappa.

He was speaking at the farewell function of Prof. N.B. Ramachandra of Genetics and Genomics Department, UoM, at Rani Bahadur auditorium here on Saturday.

"Lecturers working for private institutions and Universities are getting very less salary but are providing much better quality education. If this trend continues, this might negatively impact public sector Universities. In recent years, private Universities are focussing more and more on academic quality, but we cannot say the same for Universities run by the Government," he said.

UoM Vice-Chancellor Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar, Visiting Professor H.A. Ranganath, Prof. Mewa Singh, Prof. S.N. Hegde, Prof. Sutturu Malini, Prof. Niranjan, Prof. Natesh and Prof. Umesh were present during the occasion.

CET examination on July 7, 8

July 7 Biology, Mathematics
July 8 Physics, Chemistry
July 9 Examinations for Horanadu and Gadinadu Kannadiga students

Bengaluru, Feb. 22 (SSV)- The Common Entrance Test (CET) for professional courses by Karnataka Examination Authority (KEA) will be held on July 7 and 8, according to Deputy Chief Minister Dr. C.N. Ashwathnarayan.

He said, as per the Karnataka-CET-2021 dates, on July 7, the test will be held for Biology and Mathematics and July 8 for Physics and Chemistry. The examinations for Horanadu and Gadinadu Kannadiga students will be held on July 9.

"The dates have been decided keeping in mind important examinations that are to take place both at State and National level," he added.

The KEA conducts KCET for admission to professional courses in the State's institutes. KCET is a pen-and-paper-based test, the Dy.CM said.

WORD OF THE DAY

Indissoluble

Pronunciation: in-dih-SAHL-yuh-bul.
Meaning: Not dissoluble; especially : incapable of being annulled, undone, or broken : permanent.
Origin: Indissoluble and its antonym dissoluble ("capable of being dissolved or disintegrated") both date their first print appearances to the 16th century, and both owe a debt to Latin dissolubilis, which means "dissoluble; capable of being dissolved." While the word dissolve in that gloss may call to mind the chemical process by which something mixed with a liquid becomes part of the liquid (as when salt or sugar dissolve in water), indissoluble primarily relates to other meanings of dissolve: "destroy" and "disintegrate," "terminate" and "annul." Something indissoluble—such as a treaty, contract, or vow—is permanent. The English word dissolve is a cousin to indissoluble and dissoluble. Dissolubilis derives from Latin dissolvere (from dis- + solvere, "to loosen").
Example: "He was the only soul aboard with whom I could speak openly, in an absolute sense; for that matter, he to me the same. We were locked together in an indissoluble embrace, its nature the most simple and straightforward first principle: that no hurt should reach the men that we could prohibit." — William Brinkley

THE ODD WORD

Ickle
Little.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

I'll swing for you

Meaning: "I will kill you and am prepared to be hanged as a consequence", or "I will swing a punch at you".
Origin: Queries about this phrase have often been posted on the site's discussion board and people have always been surprised at the responses. Most respondents appear never to have heard the phrase used to mean 'I will take a punch at you'. It seems that, as well as being in the minority, in thinking there was only one meaning to this phrase we have been under a misapprehension all these years. It is quite reasonable, linguistically at least, to say 'I'll swing for you' when threatening to punch someone, but that isn't how the expression originated.
'Swing' has been used as a slang term meaning 'hang' since the 18th century and was so defined in The New Canting Dictionary, 1725. All of the early citations of 'swing for you', 'swing for her' etc. refer to the 'prepared to suffer hanging' meaning. The first printed example w've found is in a rather unlikely source - The Lady's Magazine, 1787. The reference comes in the dialogue of a comedy called The Embarrassed Husband: "Murder him? No, no - it is not worth while to swing for him."

QUOTE BOX

You swing your best when you have the fewest things to think about.
—Bobby Jones

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

SMOKE
G

Answer :Go up in smoke.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:
1 Chinese dynasty
5 Assoc. in Pub. Admin.
8 Stringed instrument
12 Unique or singular person
13 Now Zimbabwe
15 One awaiting trial in a court of law (7,6)
17 ___ _ chance : dare (4,1)
18 Aboard ship
19 Latter Day Saints, abbr.
21 Name on a cheque
24 Pakistan
27 Autocracy, dictatorship or tyranny
30 American Medical Association, acronym
31 Gain understanding from study or experience
32 National association of manufacturers, acronym
33 Challenged
35 Chap
36 Number of oarsmen in a rowing crew
37 Coniferous tree
39 "Air" as prefix
41 Soprano character of Pagliacci
45 Clandestine
49 It is used to measure distance travelled by vehicle
50 Growl - "rang" anagram?
51 Flying saucers
52 Pouchlike structure
53 "Laughing Cavalier" painter

SATURDAY'S ANSWER

A	D	A	R	■	A	L	O	T	■	P	A	S
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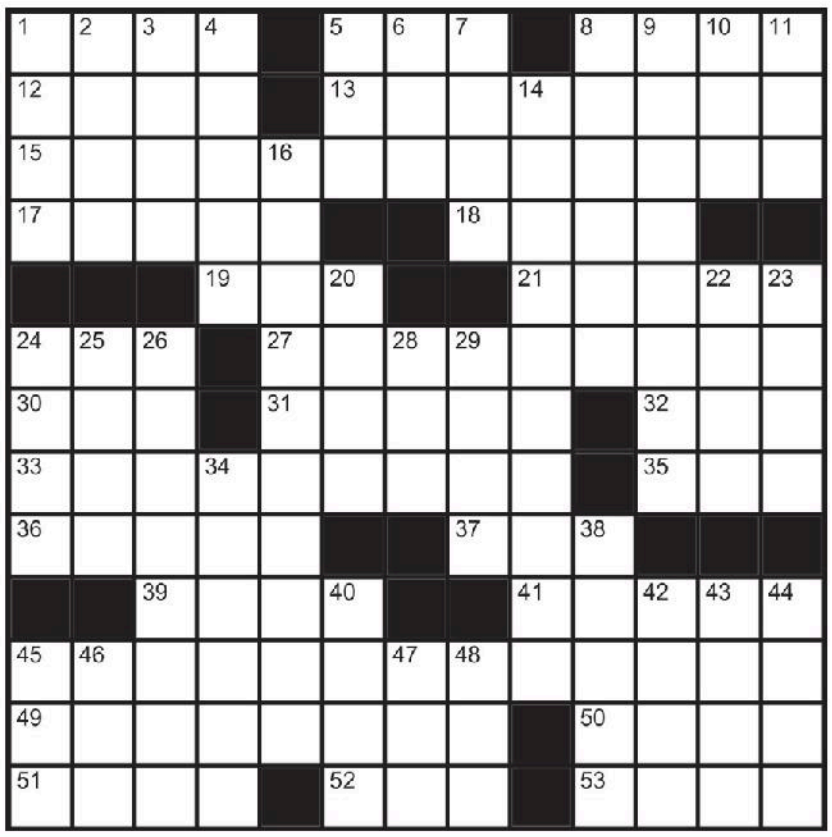
S	T	D	■	E	A	T	S	■	O	R	L	E

DOWN
1 Protective ditch
2 Peruvian changing ""Cain""?"
3 Narrower part of a bottle
4 Thin porridge
5 To be - a change of "era"?
6 Thinker of great thoughts hopefully, abbr. (2,1)
7 Aircraft Owners and Pilots Assoc.
8 Because of this
9 Testing or assessing the purity of metals
10 River, to Juanita
11 Fryer
14 Depressed; dejected
16 Frame of seat for horse rider
20 Notices or glances at
22 Jacob's twin (in OT).
23 American TV award
24 Walking speed?
25 Mine, in Aix
26 Marsupial from down under
28 Static Air Temp.
29 Animal's quarry
34 Units of heat
38 Measure heaviness
40 Chooses, nominates or selects?
42 Lady of Spain - "a nod" anagram?
43 Twofold
44 Aviation Safety Reporting Sys.
45 A former French coin of very little value
46 Unducted Fan
47 Afternoon drink
48 Internet Relay Chat, acronym?



SUDOKO

8			4		7			3
		2		5		7		
	5		2		1		6	
7	2						9	1
5	1						3	2
	4		9		6		7	
		5		2		3		
1			7		5			9

Answer to previous puzzle

5	6	2	4	8	3	1	7	9
1	3	7	9	6	5	4	8	2
4	9	8	2	7	1	6	5	3
6	7	4	8	5	2	9	3	1
2	1	9	3	4	7	8	6	5
8	5	3	6	1	9	7	2	4
7	4	5	1	2	8	3	9	6
3	8	1	5	9	6	2	4	7
9	2	6	7	3	4	5	1	8

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

QLWK YXO VK NLZTHT LOQU

HE ULS MLZP XR HR.

TODAY'S CLUE: S EQUALS U

Saturday's Cryptoquip: Never try to tell everything you know. It may take too short a time.

Novak Djokovic wins
18th Grand Slam title

Peerless World No. 1 Novak Djokovic demolished Russia's Daniil Medvedev in straight sets to win his ninth Australian Open title and extend his record-breaking reign at Melbourne Park yesterday. Djokovic overpowered the fourth seed 7-5, 6-2, 6-2. In winning a third straight Australian Open for the second time, the Serb claimed his 18th Grand Slam title to move within two of Roger Federer and Rafael Nadal who have 20 each, while denying Medvedev his first.

NOW SHOWING - MOVIES

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Pogaru (K) - *4 shows*

Balaji Theatre **Ph: 2497199**
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Mahadeshwara Theatre **Mob: 9986022634**
Pogaru (K) - 4 Shows

Uma Theatre **Ph: 2520009**
Chakra (Ta) - 4 Shows

DRC CINEMAS **Ph: 4240422, 4241800**

Pogaru (K)	(S-1)	8.05 am, 1.25 pm 6.50 pm, 9.50 pm
	(S-2)	8.10 am, 3.40 pm 6.45 pm, 9.45 pm
	(S-3)	8.05 am, 11.10 am, 2.15 pm
	(S-4)	8.00 am, 11.00 am 4.40 pm, 9.55 pm
Tom And Jerry (E)	(S-1)	11.15 am, 4.35 pm
	(S-4)	7.45 pm
Naandhi (Te)	(S-2)	11.15 am
Inspector Vikram (K)	(S-3)	6.55 pm, 9.55 pm
Chakra (Ta)	(S-4)	2.00 pm

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Pogaru (K)	(S-1)	11.00 am, 2.30 pm 6.15 pm, 9.55 pm
	(S-2)	10.00 am, 1.30 pm 5.15 pm, 9.00 pm
	(S-3)	2 pm, 5.45 pm, 9.30 pm
Inspector Vikram (K)	(S-3)	10.15 am; (S-4) 3.30 pm
Tom and Jerry (E)	(S-4)	10.45 am, 1 pm, 7.10 pm
Chakra (Ta)	(S-4)	9.40 pm

MYSURU VISION CINEMAS **Ph: 0821 - 2973519**

Inspector Vikram (K)	(S-1)	10.45 am, 4 pm, 7.15 pm
Pogaru (K)	(S-2)	11.40 am, 2.50 pm, 6.00 pm, 9.15 pm
	(S-3)	4.30 pm, 7.45 pm
	(S-4)	10.30 am, 1.45 pm
Chakra (Ta)	(S-4)	6.30 pm, 9.00 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here. **The other multiplexes and single screen theatres are yet to open.**

MYSORE WINTER RACES 2021

(By Our Racing Correspondent)

UNIMAGINABLE
for Andolana Trophy

Mysuru, Feb. 22- Following are the selections for the 10th Day of Mysore Winter Races to be held here tomorrow (Feb. 23, 2021):

1.	2.00 PM	**THE CHARMUDI GHAT PLATE**
		1200 mts. - rated 00 to 25
		1. COUNTRY'S SHER 2. TIME ALWAYS
2.	2.30 PM	**THE TUTICORIN PLATE**
		1200 mts. - 3 years (TERMS)
		1. RECAP RI 2. BREAK AWAY
3.	3.00 PM	**THE NILGIRIS STAKES**
		1400 mts. - rated 00 to 25
		1. ITALIAN STALLION 2. FESTIVE STAR
4.	3.30 PM	**THE UJIRE PLATE**
		1200 mts. - rated 20 to 45
		1. D. BROTHER 2. DEIMUS
5.	4.00 PM	**THE KODACHADRI PLATE**
		1400 mts. - rated 60 and above
		1. STAR OF THEA 2. SEA LAGOON
6.	4.30 PM	**THE ANDOLANA TROPHY**
		1200 mts. - rated 40 to 65
		1. UNIMAGINABLE 2. SILVER DAYS AGAIN
7.	5.00 PM	**THE SUPER SPEED PLATE**
		1400 mts. - rated 40 to 65
		1. INDIAN DREAMS 2. SPORTO
8.	5.30 PM	**THE BRAVE DANCER PLATE**
		1400 mts. - rated 20 to 45
		1. TOUCH OF CLASS 2. SAN VINTO

DAY'S BEST: *D. BROTHER*

DOUBLE: *1. STAR OF THEA 2. TOUCH OF CLASS*

JACKPOT: *4, 5, 6, 7, 8*

I-TREBLE: *1, 2, 3* ***II-TREBLE:*** *3, 4, 5* ***III-TREBLE:*** *6, 7, 8*

EXACTAS: *7, 8*

—Tipster PGC

EVENTS TODAY (FEB. 22)

- **Akhila Bharata Veerashaiva Mahasabha, Veerashaiva Lingayata Sangha Samsthegalu haagu Basava Balagagala Okkuta:** Annual General Body Meeting, Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji graces the occasion, Okkuta President L.S. Mahadevaswamy Sakkalli presides, Mahasabha District Unit President S. Shivamurthy Kanya and Samanvaya Samiti Members will be present, Suttur Mutt, foot of Chamundi Hill, **5 pm.**
- **Sri Krishna Gana Sabha:** Music Concert by Vid. Mysore N. Srinath, accompanied by Vid. C.N. Tyagarajan on violin, Vid. P.S. Sridhar on mridanga and Vid. V.S. Ramesh on morching, [Concert is sponsored by Dr. Muniramappa and family in association with Kannada and Culture Dept., Bengaluru], Alwar Kalabhavan, Gokulam 3rd Stage, **6 pm.**
- **Desiranga Samskrutika Samsthe, Mysuru:** Inauguration of Theatre and Dance Festival, senior socialist P. Mallesh inaugurates, Rangayana Mysuru Joint Director V.N. Mallikarjunaswamy presides, Maharaja's College folklore Department Head Dr. H.R. Chethan and camp convenor B.S. Dinamani guests, Mini Theatre, Kalamandira, **6 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (FEB. 23)

- **Lions Clubs International, District 317A:** Regional Convention (Region V), Sri Bandantamma Kalamma Samudaya Bhavana, K.G. Koppal, New Kantharaj Urs Road, Kuvempunagar, **8.30 am onwards.** [Mob: 99003-36699]
- **G.M. Tandani Samskrutika Trust:** 'Janapada Jenkara' - 5th anniversary celebrations, Akashvani Tamburi Artiste late Malavalli Gurubasavaiah Memorial Programme, Srikanta Siddalingaraje Urs Swamiji, MLA G.T. Devegowda, former MP R. Dhruvanarayan, Kannada & Culture Asst. Director H. Chennappa, senior theatre artiste Srinivas G. Kapanna, KIKS Professor Nanjaiah Honganur, folk scholar Dr. P.K. Rajashekar, actors Jaggappa, Sushmita, Manju Pavagada and Chillar Manju chief guests, Mini Theatre, Kalamandira premises, **10 am.**

Sports Meet
on Feb. 25, 26

Mysuru, Feb. 22- The Department of Youth Empowerment and Sports (DYES), under the Scheduled Caste (SC) and Scheduled Tribe (ST) Sub-Plan, has organised special sports and cultural activities for Kadu Kuruba and Jenu Kuruba community members of Mysuru for the year 2020-2021 at Chamundi Vihar Stadium in Nazarbad here on Feb. 25 and 26.

Interested may participate in the competition after producing Aadhaar Card, Caste Certificate and Bank Account details.

Event details are put up in the notice board of the office of the DYES Assistant Director at Chamundi Vihar Stadium [Ph: 0821-2564179], according to a press release from the DYES Assistant Director.

INDIAN SUPER LEAGUE
IMG RELIANCE STAR

Today's Match (Feb. 22)

HYDERABAD
Vs
ATK MOHUN BAGAN
Tilak Maidan Stadium, Vasco da Gama, Goa, **7.30 pm**

Tomorrow's Match (Feb. 23)

EAST BENGAL
Vs
NORTHEAST UNITED
Fatorda Stadium, Margao, Goa, **7.30 pm**

Yesterday's Results

BENGALURU - 1
LOSE TO
GOA - 2

KERALA BLASTERS - 1
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